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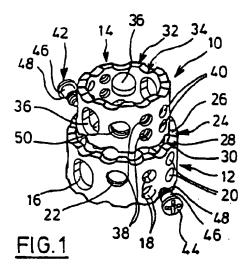
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(54) A spinal cage assembly

(57) The invention relates to a spinal cage assembly (10) including a sleeve-shaped member (12,14) of a metal compatible with the human body, said sleeve-shaped member (12,14) having end faces defining irregular edges (24,28,32,34) and having a wall provided with holes (16,36).





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